FREAKISH RULES IN MARRIAGE PORTIONS

Her Weight in Silver Was the Dowry of Herr Duchatschek's Daughter, Who Registered Sixty Two Kilograms.

2500mg novel marriage portions that with which Herr Duchatschek, a native of Koniggratz, dowered his daughter must find place. Her weight in silver wan the promised dowry, so on the wedding morn, before proceeding to church, she was weighed in the drawing-room before the assembled guests. The scales registered sixty-two kilograms, a weight which brought the lucky bride a sack of 12,500 silver coint.

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Similar instances of a bride's dowry be-Similar in tances of a bride's downy being in direct ratio to her corporcal avoir-dupois are on record. Some time back a citizen of Huntington, Conn., who possessed a daughter of the abnormal weight of 49 pounds agreed to bestow upon her a portion of 35 for every pound she weighed. This offer brought forward a bold suitor in the person of a Mr. Marang, who gallantly led his weighty and well-known bride to the altar. In Peru, to, the bride's dowry consists of her own teo, the bride's dowry consists of her own weight, not in gold or in silver, but in-

weight, not in gold or in silver, but in-stign!
Weight, too, influenced Mr. Baila, a pros-perous English tradesman, when he in-formed his daughter that, as he admired beginen, her dowry should be gradiated by the excess of her husband's bodily weight above her own-this excess to be calculated in gold. The day previous to the wedding the parties went to scale, and that the husband was a man after his father-in-law's heart can be assumed from the fact that he received with her more than \$2.60c.

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An old Lanca-hire, England, paper gives a smusling account of a small farmer the agreed to give his daughter for a who agreed to give his daughter for a marriage portion as many guineau as she could walk miles in a day. The feat came off in the neighborhood of Manchester, and the sturdy lass tramped more than seventy miles. When, however, the time for settlement arrived it was discovered for settlement arrived it was discovered to the feet of the settlement arrived it was discovered to the feet of the feet was a worth as many that the father was not worth as many shiftings as he should have paid guineas, whereupon a subscription was opened by the neighboring gentry, who admired the girl's plack, and an amount was collected that amply compensated her for her exer-

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A wealthy London solicitor, whose daughter had received an expensive education, promised on her becoming engaged to give her fifty times the amount she could earn in a year by her own exertions. Although she found that her expensively acquired accomplishments were more or less a drug in the market, she managed, by giving music and drawing lessons, to earn sufficient to entitle her to receive on her marriage the handsome, sum of \$25,000. Another father who had but small faith in his prospective som-in-law's industry, agreed to give his daughter on her marriage an amount corresponding to that which the bridegroom should make in the course of twilve mouths. He had, howcourse of twelve mostles. He had, how-ever, counted without his host, for the young man, chancing to obtain some good Stock Exchange information, tabled a sum that the other could only cover on his daughter's sweetheart agreeing to ad-

vance the deficit.
On receiving a very handsome tip from a customer a waiter at a fashipmable London restaurant begged to thank the giver in his daughter's name, and, upon being seked for an explanation, said that he had agreed to bestow upon her as a wedding portion an amount equivalent to the tips he should receive in a year. On the gentleman subsequently making inquiries he was told by the waiter that his daughter's det had worked out at more than \$500. was told by the waiter that his daughter's dot had worked out at more than 500. Very original was the idea of a barber who, on his daughter becoming engaged to his assistant, determined to regulate her dowry by her sweetheart's ability. A certain sum was accordingly set aside, from which a fine was deducted every time the fiance chanced to cut a customer when wielding a razor. This had the effect of putting him upon his mettle and his reputation as an easy shaver soon so increased the chop's clentele that on his daughter's marriage Figure's extra takings more than compensated for the money he was called upon to disburse.

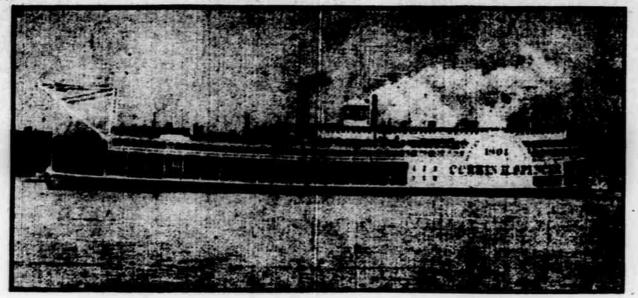
H. T. FORCE JR.

Vice President of Hat Company Says That His Son Took an Overdose of Morphine Through

Houseton T. Force Jr., 22 years old, a son of H. T. Force, vice president of Boogher, Force & Goodhar Hat Company, died in the family residence, No. 433 Mor-gan street, some time Friday night as the

RIVER EXCURSIONS INVARIABLY AFFORD RELIEF ON HOTTEST DAYS OF SUMMER.

Trip Up the Mississippi on the Corwin H. Spencer, Largest Excursion Boat in the World, Reveals Delights in Scenery and Assures Refreshing Breezes, Giving Whole Day's Surcease From City's Scorching Blasts - The Romance of River Travel Now Centers in Voyage of a Hundred Miles on the Father of Waters.



STEAMER CORWIN II. SPENCER, ON WHOSE RIVER TRIPS IT IS ALWAYS COOL.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." In giving torrid biasts and sizzling, scorebing heat to St. Louis these summer days the all-wise Creator provides the Mississippi River, under the universal rale of compensation. And what a boon it is! No matter how blisteringly the red and molten sun rises over the city's narrow arreries, there is escape from its overpowering rays at 10 o'clock, when the Corwin H. Spencer, the world's largest excursion steamer, starts upstream from the foot of Louis street, faming the river and to the suffocating as the cool waters of the mountain brook revive the gasping thout.

A difference of fifteen degrees when the thermometer hangs obstinately around 52 is the difference between comfort and torture, and it is easily fifteen for tand torture, and it is easi

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but was uttered in such cool, deliberate tones that for a moment the writer, who had seen nothing amins, thought his ears had deceived him. But a glance at Traphagen showed him already quietly at work with his levers. First he had genity touched the air brake controller, a brass-handled switch not unlike the motorman's controller on a trolley car. The strident hiss of compressed air was heard above the rear and then the master toyed with his speed lever.

Instantly the unbridled speed was checked. Another touch of the air controller brought it a little further around its are and again the speed slackened, but so gradually that no shock was felt. Except in cases of extreme emergency no skilled engine driver puts his brakes on hard and fast at a single impuise. To do so would make havee in every car behind him, turning chairs, tables and probably passengers topsy turvy. It is a point of pride with your expert to slow down and stop his mile-a-minute flyer so gently as not to spill the water or the coffee from glances and cups in the dining-car.

Bo Traphagen defity coased his charge to a stansistill until the brakes set hard and fast. A distance signal had been set against him by an alert tower man, who thought he saw a curl of smoke from a "hot box" as the train swept past his station. Out tumbled the curious passengers to see what was the matter and down jumped Traphagen with a ready bucket of water. The troub'e was trifling, but it is sufficed to put No. 29 nearly four minutes behind her schedule at Princeton Junction and that was serious enough, it is hard to make up lost time on a schedule secretly when Denniston mudged him as we get into motion again and whispered: "Now Trap' will let her out. We'll go into Philadelphia on time yet. We lost eight minutes not far from here'tne other day, but he took her into Harrisburg on the dot. That was the day we ran 18 miles in 26 minutes and made parts of the run at a gait of seventy-five miles an hour."

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"Trap" had quit fuming now and from the way he pulled things open he evidently knew what was expected of him. He made no promises, but glanced at his watch and settled down to business. He drove his engine across Trenton with a long-dramn whoop of the whistle and dashed over the Delaware and into Pennsylvania at Morrisville at so lively a pacethar. If you had not known it of old, you could have hardly have read the signboard at midstream on the bridge which marks the State line between New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Bristol and Andalusia flew by. At Torresdale the towering derricks of Philadelphia's new filtration plant were momentary features of a kaleidoscopic landscape. Tacony and the big mills of Fitier's. Bridesburg and Frankford vanished in turn, and then came the serried red brick and white marble rows of North Philadelphia. Centering about the Broad Street Station, as No. 25 has time to go. In the Colonial structure which marks the North Philadelphia centering about the Broad Street Station, as No. 25 has time to go. In the Colonial structure which marks the North Philadelphia stop, formerly known as Germantown Junction, the airbrakes again shricked a final hiss and the lever came to her first scheduled halt.

Traphagen's eyes had been watching the clock and also the landmarks. He leaned back on his leather-cushioned rest with a smile and held up the face of his watch. It was just thirty-nine minutes past 5 o'clock. The Pennsylvania Special was a minute ahead of schedule.

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minute ahead of schedule.

"Forty-five tailes in thirty-five minutes," sold the engine driver, "That's not had." The train had run from Jersey City to Philadelphia in eighty-five minutes.

Barely two minutes sufficed to stretch cramped legs with a jump from the locomotive cab to the station platform, and then No. 25 must be off axain in her incornable race with time. Those two minutes Traphagen employed pouring oil from a long-necked can into crank shaft bearings and other mysterious places, and sundry mechanics with long hammers and sundry mechanics with long hammers and played them in testing the car wheels of the whole train for possible week spots, as they did at every stop.

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train of freight and ore cars bound west-ward like ourselves. It looks as theugh we must surely douse those lights and telescope that train, but that is only a delusion. The track swerver slightly just ahead and we go careening past the lights and the loaded tons of ore close enough to reach out to them and probably to less an arm. The novice thought that freight train was standing still until the sight of the driving wheels of its locomotive in rapid motion surprised him.

"That train is moving at twenty miles an hour." yelled Douglass, "but we're doing better than sixty now. Look ahead. See the fire belching from our sinck. She's doing about all she can do now on such a grade."

The two hurried home and when they reached there the girl shoped the los's shirt open and saw that his arm was getting dark. She took his penkulfe, cut a gash in his arm and sucked the potent from the wound. Two physicians, were called and the lost is doing will.

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low cut, are included in this sale. To fully appreciate what we are doing you should see shoes and prices. They are all our regular goods. Come now while we can

ence of the officers of the United States transport Dix, which arrived in port frem Manila. Shortly after leaving Nagavaki, May 19 the Dix ran over a steeping whale, and the big transport simply made minos meat out of the big fish.

Officers of the vessel say that the whale was asieep only a few feet under the surface of the water. The shock of the colligion with the moneter was felt by those on board. The bettom of the Dix is fint, and after the ship had passed over the whale the propeller caught in its flesis and the water for many yards about the vessel was red with its blood.

Trapail Plans for London. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

London, July 22—A Briky blue book, in-sued here, contains the report of the Roys at Commission on Locomotive Transport in London. The Advisory Roard of Engineers rec-ormends the construction of two main aveaues through London, 196 feet wide and between four and five miles long, carry-ing four lines of trainways on the surface and four lines of railways below the sur-face.